

ped—but that if all employers came into such an organization, the handicapped will be evenly divided and no one employer be forced to take a shop full of them.

In answer to the worn-out argument that a minimum wage would act as a maximum, Hackett declared that it would not then any more than it does now, where in every case there are some workers among the unorganized whose skill forces an employer to pay them more money than an \$8 minimum.

"Skilled labor can always find its market," he said, "and the employer who endeavors to pay skilled labor the same wage as unskilled will simply lose that labor and find himself relying entirely upon the unskilled, while an employer who is more farsighted will continue to keep a graduated scale of wages."

That this minimum wage for minors and workers under 21 would also benefit the fathers of families, Hackett illustrated by stating that if a boy or girl earns sufficient to support himself or herself, the father's money, nor any portion of it, need not be used to make up the deficit.

It is Hackett's intention to insert two page ads in the Saturday Evening Post, one to advise the public and the other to bring employers into the association.

#### FOUR N. Y. GUNMEN SIGN PAPER CLAIMING THEIR INNOCENCE

New York, March 23.—Pleading for "fair play" the four gunmen who are condemned to die in Sing Sing during the week of April 23 for the killing of Gambler Herman Rosenthal today issued a statement "to the public" in which they again asserted their innocence of the killing which convulsed New York police circles and almost sent Police Lieutenant Charles Becker to the chair.

The public appeal was written by "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg and to it were also signed the names of Harry Harowitz, "Gyp the Blood," Jacob

Soldenshuer, "Whitey Lewis," and "Dago Frank" Cirofici. The names of all the gunmen were signed to the appeal at varying angles, they having been written on the paper pushed through the bars of their death cells. Concluding the appeal "Lefty Louie" wrote:

"You will find in the records (of the trial) that we all swore we seen Harry Vallon, Bridgey Webber and a stranger shoot. This is the God's truth, so help me God, that we are innocent."

#### SCORN NOT MIGHT

By Hugh O'Cuinn.

Might is money, and money rules,  
And many are the human tools  
Who serve their masters all too well  
For paltry sums that never swell,  
Because the knowing highbrow sees  
The wisdom of their prayers and  
pleas,

But strengthens that grand system  
which  
Has made the poor man and the rich.

The law may boost a stately ship,  
While Joker Justice wields a whip  
As vigorously as before  
To satisfy a puny score,  
Who with great billions at their beck  
Can waylay any hapless wreck,  
Possessed of human heart and soul  
That they may reach some vain-born  
goal.

But might is measured not with  
scorn,  
For power there is as yet unborn  
That will set all right the ev'ry wrong  
And ease all suffering 'mongst the  
throng.

If workers would but know that  
might,  
The power is theirs, and theirs the  
right—

To deeply ponder o'er their vote,  
Then system's evil can be smote.

Most things wear out with constant use, but a bad temper seems quite different.